

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0057] with the following amended paragraph:

[0057] As known to those skilled in the art, regardless of the connection type (e.g., broadband, dial-up, etc.) there are limits to the rate at which data can be transferred over communication networks such as the Internet. As a result, when the originating user 118 transfers large amounts of data (e.g., file data of 1 Gigabyte (GB) or more) to the destination computer 104 for ~~back-up~~~~back-up~~ back-up, the transfer may require several hours. Although the ~~back-up~~~~back-up~~ back-up stream system 100 allows data transfer to occur without the knowledge of destination user 130, due to the amount of time required for transferring large amounts of data, such transfers are more likely to be interrupted, for example, by a network time-out, or power interruption to either the originating computer 102 or the destination computer 104. In this embodiment, rather than transferring designated files directly to the destination computer 104 via the network 106, the originating user 118 initially transfers the designated files to a portable computer readable medium (portable medium) 602 such as zip drive, tape, Compact Disc (CD) or Digital Versatile Disk (DVD). For example, if the user desires to back-up files having a total file size that exceed 1GB, the user may decide to transfer the files via a portable medium due to a previous experience (e.g., network time out) while backing up files of similar size. In such a case, prior to transferring copies of the designated files to the portable medium 602, the originating application 114 executes originating transferring instructions 220, as described above in reference to FIG. 2, to encrypt copies of the designating files. Thereafter, the originating user 118 delivers the portable medium 602 having the encrypted file data to the storage partner (i.e., destination user 130), and the destination user 130 uploads or transfers the encrypted files from the portable medium 602 to the destination CRM 112. The delivery, as indicated by reference character 604, takes place, for example, via mail, courier service, or some other manual means of physically transporting the medium 602 from first a geographical location to a second geographical location.